

FOOD PROCESSING AND SERVICE

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING

Beginning October 1, 2006, muscle cuts and ground beef, pork, poultry or lamb that is produced in a country other than the United States (including blends of U.S. and other products) and offered for retail sale in Montana must be labeled with a placard¹ that indicates the country of origin. Producers, growers and shippers of beef, pork, poultry or lamb are permitted to label packages to identify that the product was produced in Montana.²

Statute: 30-12-701 through 706, MCA

Contact: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
Business Standards Division

DAIRIES

1. Types of Activities Regulated

A license is required for the operation of a dairy and is available from the Montana Department of Livestock (DOL). Prior to construction, remodeling or relocation of a dairy, detailed plans must be submitted to the DOL for review and approval. Also prior to construction, the applicant must obtain a wastewater discharge permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality for any discharge of wastes (see p. 185) and an air quality permit for the release of air pollutants (see p. 32). Local health agencies may investigate or sample the dairies in their area.

Statute: 81-22-201 through 209, 305 and 403, MCA

Contact: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
Milk and Egg Bureau

2. Fees

The license fees for a dairy range from \$5 to \$50.

¹ Section 50-32-103, MCA. defines placard as a nonpermanent sign used to display or describe food items for sale in a food service or retail meat establishment.

² These provisions are void if the federal country of origin labeling law is funded and implemented.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES - MEATPACKING PLANTS

1. Types of Activities Regulated

An annual license is required from the Montana Department of Livestock (DOL) to operate a slaughterhouse or meatpacking plant. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality retains jurisdiction over insuring that the facility has an approved water supply and that wastes are disposed of properly.

Statute: 81-9-201 and 202, MCA

Contact: DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau